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No. 521, dated Calcutta, the 1st May 1886.

From—J. G. G. GRANT, Esq., M.D., Superintendent of Emigration,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the report on Inland Emigration for the year ending the 31st December 1885.

REPORT ON INLAND EMIGRATION FOR THE YEAR 1885.

SECTION I.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Engagement of an additional clerk sanctioned for the office of the Magistrate of Chittagong.

SANCTION was accorded on the 20th of March to the employment of an extra clerk on Rs. 30 per mensem in the office of the Magistrate of Chittagong, where increased work in connection with the Inland Emigration Act necessitated additional help in order to carry it on.

The Superintendent of Emigration at Goalundo appointed as registering officer there, and vested with the powers of a Magistrate under sections 78 and 79 of the Act.

2. Difficulty having been experienced—especially during the unavoidable absence of the Magistrate—in effecting the registration of intending emigrants recruited in Goalundo, Dr. Richards, the Superintendent of Emigration at Goalundo, was appointed on the 2nd of April to perform the additional duties of a registering officer at that place; and, in order that he might be better able to control irregularities committed by garden sardars while escorting batches of coolies *viâ* Goalundo, was vested on the 16th of May with the powers of a Magistrate under sections 78 and 79 of the Inland Emigration Act.

Instructions issued to the effect that contracts in labour districts should be specified in terms of months and years.

3. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, concurring in the views of the Chief Commissioner of Assam, who had taken objection to the practice—alleged to exist in some parts of that province—of entering the period of service in labour contracts under Act I of 1882 in terms of days instead of months and years, directed in May last the issue of instructions to the effect that labour contracts should always be specified in terms of months and years, and that registering and inspecting officers concerned should refuse to register or to verify any contracts executed in terms of days.

Rules under the Inland Emigration Act framed and published by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

4. The draft rules under Act I of 1882, framed by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and reported on in June as appearing with slight alterations that were suggested to meet requirements, were published in the *North-Western Provinces and Oudh Gazette* of the 18th of July.

Conditional exemption of employers of labour in Chittagong from the necessity of keeping registers in prescribed form.

5. In August, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Chittagong Division, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor exempted employers of labour in the Chittagong districts from the necessity of keeping up registers in the prescribed forms, on the understanding that registers might be kept in any forms most convenient to themselves, that would enable them to supply the information required in all the prescribed returns, excepting Nos. 14 and 15 that might be dispensed with.

Revision of way-bills with a view to inspection at certain fixed places.

6. The presentation by certificated garden sardars of way-bills to inspecting officers at certain fixed places on the journey to the labour districts having been approved by Government in December last, a revised form of way-bill with appended instructions was called for—and was in course of preparation when the year closed—providing for inspections at Mugra, Jaipore Hat and Dhubri, in the case of sardars proceeding by train *viâ* Dhubri to Assam; and at Mugra, Goalundo, and Narangunge, in the case of sardars

proceeding by train *viâ* Goalundo, and thence in country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

SECTION II.

RECRUITMENT.

RECRUITING AGENCIES.

(a).—Contractors.

Serial number.	Names of contractors.	Licenses. Date of grant. Renewed licenses.	Licenses. Date of grant. Original licenses.	Licenses. Date of cancellation or termination.	Situation of depôts.	Remarks.
1	Mr. R. Hendry ...	3rd March 1885 ...	.....	.....	Entally.	
2	Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	28th April „ ...	.....	.....	Sealdah.	
3	„ A. T. Mookerjee ...	12th May „ ...	.....	.....	Entally.	
4	Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	28th May „ ...	.....	.....	„	
5	Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	24th June „ ...	.....	.....	Sealdah.	
6	Mr. V. Harvey ...	Not renewed	.....	Terminated 24th September 1885.	„	
7	„ R. Quillett ...	„	26th September 1885.	.....	Established no depôt.	Did not work.

Of the seven contractors above named, only five, or one less than the number that worked during 1884, recruited all the year round; for Mr. Harvey closed his depôt in September, and Mr. Quillett, who received a license in the same month, did not utilise it.

(b).—Recruiters.

Serial number.	Names of contractors for whom the recruiters were licensed.	During the year 1885. Number of licenses granted to recruiters.	Licenses cancelled. For misconduct. Number.	For misconduct. Percentage.	At contractor's request. Number.	At contractor's request. Percentage.	At recruiter's request. Number.	At recruiter's request. Percentage.	Total number.	Percentage to total cancellations.	Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.
1	Baboo J. N. Dutt	37	3	8·10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	8·10	909	25
2	Mr. R. Hendry	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,235	34
3	„ O. B. Andrews	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,031	40
4	Baboo A. T. Mookerjee	26	1	3·84	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3·84	316	12
5	„ B. P. Mitter	13	1	7·69	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7·69	381	29
6	Mr. V. Harvey	9	1	11·11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11·11	526	58
	Total ...	147	6	4·08	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4·08	4,398	30

Besides one sub-contractor's license, which was granted on behalf of Baboo A. T. Mookerjee, 147 recruiters' licenses issued during the year, shewing a reduction of 64 in the number of licensed recruiters for 1885 as compared with the number for 1884, when 211 recruiters' licenses were granted.

The average number of coolies collected by each recruiter was somewhat less than that of the previous year, or 30 as against 33·55 in 1884, the largest number having been recruited by Mr. Harvey's men.

In comparison with the corresponding results of the previous year, a larger number of licenses had to be cancelled on account of misconduct, or six as against one in 1884. The irregularities that led to forfeiture of license in these six cases were briefly the following :—

(*a*) For falsifying the descriptive particulars of coolies brought up for registration, resulting in two recruiters being deprived of their licenses, and in one unlicensed man—an old offender—being sentenced, under sections 363 and 498 of the Indian Penal Code,

to one year's imprisonment. These cases were reported by the Joint-Magistrate of Giridi.

(*b*) For recruiting coolies at Monghyr on account of a contractor on whose behalf the recruiter was not licensed, resulting in the cancellation of one license.

(*c*) For the irregular recruitment of a woman at Burdwan, with a view to her registration in the 24-Pergunnahs, resulting in the cancellation of one license.

(*d*) For enticing away two married women: one from Midnapore, and the other from Hazaribagh, resulting in the cancellation of two licenses.

(*c.*)—*Local Agents.*

(Licensed under section 59 of Act I of 1882.)

Names of employers and of agents through whom employers obtained licenses for their local agents.	Number of Licenses.		Local area of recruitment.
	Granted.	Cancelled.	
Schœne, Kilburn & Co.	9	.....	Gobindpore, Manbhoom, Hazaribagh, Singbhoom, and Lohardugga.
Balmer, Lawrie and Co., Barry & Co., Bird & Co., Finlay, Muir & Co., Young & Co.	17	.....	Pachamba, Singbhoom, Arrah, Buxar, Deoghur, Bankoora, Midnapore, Gya, Patna, Durbhunga, Hazaribaugh, Balasore, Cuttack, Monghyr, Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Dumka, Manbhoom, Gobindpore, and Raneegunge.
Begg, Dunlop & Co., Macneil & Co., Williamson, Magor & Co., Whitney Brothers & Co., King, Hamilton & Co., Schœne, Kilburn & Co., Octavius Steel & Co., Andrew Yule & Co., Duncan Brothers & Co., Gillanders, Arbuthnot & Co., George Henderson & Co., Gisborne & Co., Grindlay & Co., Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Finlay, Muir & Co., Lloyd & Co., William Moran & Co., D. L. Cowie & Co., Agra Bank, Limited, Hoare, Miller & Co., Dawson & Co., and Planters' Stores and Agency Co.	13	.....	Raneegunge, Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Singbhoom, Bankoora, Nya Dumka, Shahabad, Durbhunga, Sonthal Pergunnahs, Giridi, Pachamba, Gya, Midnapore, Purulia, Hazaribagh, Monghyr, Jamalpore, Rajmehal, and Lohardugga.
Total ...	39	.....	

Thirty-nine local agents, or six in excess of the number for the previous year, were licensed during 1885; but, as shewn below, the number of certificated garden sardars, so far from being correspondingly increased, was considerably reduced, having been only 1,743 as against 3,183 in 1884.

(*d.*)—*Garden Sardar Recruiters.*

Year.	Number of certificates granted.	Number of sardars under local agents.	Number of certificates cancelled.
1885	1,743	1,361	4

On an average each local agent had about 35 sardars working under his supervision during the course of the year; and they would appear to have conducted themselves properly, as the four certificates cancelled were withdrawn, not on account of misconduct, but because their services were no longer required.

Between the years 1881—84 the number of certificated garden sardars had steadily increased, but from the following figures it is clear that last year their number fell very nearly to that of the first year, thus:—

Year.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.
1881	1,721
1882	2,329
1883	2,897
1884	3,183
1885	1,743

The reduction noticeable in the number of recruiters of both classes, either as contractors' licensed recruiters or as employers' certificated sardars, would lead one to expect that emigration to the labour districts was much less active in 1885.

(*e*) As regards the extent to which certificated garden sardarnis or female recruiters were employed, it appears from the reports furnished by Magistrates of recruiting districts, who were addressed on the subject, that only three women who held certificates authorising them to recruit labourers appeared during the year: one at Burdwan, the second at Raneegunge, and the third at Midnapore; and that none of them seemed to have utilised their certificates, as they did not bring up a single cooly for registration.

Female recruiters, or certificated garden sardarnis.

(*f*) *Intending Emigrants and their dependents.*

Year.	Recruited by licensed recruiters on behalf of Contractors.			Recruited by garden sardars.	Total number registered.
	Registered for transmission through licensed depôts.				
	Viâ Calcutta for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.	*Viâ* Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.	Total.	Transmitted *viâ* Goalundo, Kooshtea, or other routes, exclusive of Dhubri.	
1885	4,398	.....	4,398	5,709	10,107

The above and subjoined figures shew, in fulfilment of expectation, that there was a marked *general* diminution in the number of emigrants that proceeded to the labour districts during 1885, not only in the case of those registered for transmission independently of the Dhubri route, whether on behalf of contractors or through garden sardars, but also in the case of those who passed through Dhubri to Assam either in charge of garden sardars or as free emigrants.

It may be observed, however, in regard to emigrants registered for transmission *viâ* Calcutta, Goalundo, or Kooshtea, that the proportion of sardars' to contractors' coolies has continued to increase since the year 1881, when it amounted only to 37·0 per cent., as against 77·03 per cent. in 1885, thus—

Year.	Contractors' coolies.	Sardars' coolies.	Total.	Percentage of sardars to contractors' coolies.
1881	6,415	2,379	8,794	37·0
1882	7,995	2,907	10,902	36 3
1883	9,875	5,291	15,167	54·59
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	69·18
1885	4,398	5,709	10,107	77·03

The following figures, furnished by the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara, give the number of emigrants that passed into Assam *viâ* Dhubri under the garden sardar, free emigration, and contractor systems respectively; and shew, under the first two heads, the extent to which, in the course of the year, emigration to Assam by that route also fell off:—

			Year.	
			1884.	1885.
Registered emigrants recruited by garden sardars	Emigrants ...	... ...	7,857	3,473
	Dependents	... ...	5,984	2,694
		Total ...	13,841	6,167
Free emigrants not registered. — Placed on local contracts at Dhubri	Emigrants	... ...	7,863	6,368
	Dependents	... ...	3,916	2,745
		Total ...	11,779	9,113
Who travelled up outside the provisions of the Act as free emigrants ...	Emigrants	... ...	321	146
	Dependents	... ...	99	61
		Total ...	420	207
Contractors' coolies forwarded from Calcutta	Emigrants	... ...	.....	15
	Dependents	... ...	.....	1
		Tota ...	.....	16
		Grand total ...	26,040	15,503

I would here remark that only one contractor, Baboo A. T. Mookerjee, transmitted a small batch of 16 coolies by the Dhubri route; and that the number of emigrants who continued on their way to Assam as free emigrants was less than half the number for the previous year, or only 207 as against 420 in 1884; for, not only did a smaller number of free emigrants pass through Dhubri, but a larger proportion of them were placed on local contracts at that place.

(*g*).—*Recruiting districts.*

1.—Contractors' coolies transmitted through the Calcutta depôts.

Contractors.	Bengal.									Behar.							Grand total.
	24-Pergunnahs.	Burdwan.	Hazaribagh.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Bankoora.	Midnapore.	Manbhoom.	Beerbhoom.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Patna.	Shahabad.	Total.	
Mr. R. Henry	118	252	337	262	...	58	113	...	1,140	95	...	...	...	...	...	95	1,235
„ O. B. Andrews ...	303	305	113	36	174	75	...	...	1,006	...	...	...	25	15	...	25	1,031
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	233	117	139	111	5	11	...	35	651	97	122	13	...	...	11	258	909
Mr. V. Harvey	271	...	77	106	47	...	...	25	526	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	526
Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	148	...	18	9	...	4	...	38	217	135	...	29	...	...	...	164	381
„ A. T. Mookerjee	7	262	19	21	...	...	...	...	309	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	316
Total ...	1,080	936	703	545	226	148	113	98	3,849	327	122	49	25	15	11	549	4,398

(*a*) Contractors' recruiters, as in former years, limited their recruiting to the districts of Bengal and Behar; and in the statement below those districts in which emigrants were recruited and registered are arranged in the order of their importance as sources of supply:—

Provinces.	Total number registered in each district.	Districts in which registered.	Percentage to total number registered in each district of those who were residents of the district in which registered.
Bengal	1,080	24-Pergunnahs	0·74
	936	Burdwan	12·28
	703	Hazaribagh	93·88
	545	Sonthal Pergunnahs	63·85
	226	Bankoorah	80·09
	148	Midnapore	76·35
	113	Manbhoom	83·13
	98	Beerbhoom	53·06
Total ...	3,849		
Behar	327	Monghyr	33·33
	122	Gya	47·54
	49	Bhagulpore	75·51
	25	Durbhunga	100·
	15	Patna	26·66
	11	Shahabad	81·81
Total	549		
Total ...	4,398 of all districts.		

(*b*). The following is a statement of the number and percentage of those who were residents and non-residents, respectively, of the districts in which they were registered.—

Province.	Districts of registration.	Number of emigrants registered in each district.	Number of residents of district of registration included in number registered.	Percentage of residents (column 4) to number registered (column 3).	Number of emigrants of other districts included in number registered.	Percentage of emigrants of other districts (column 6) to number registered (column 3).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bengal	24-Pergunnahs	1,080	8	0·74	1,072	99·26
	Burdwan	936	115	12·28	821	87·71
	Hazaribagh	703	660	93·88	43	6·11
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	545	348	63·85	197	36·14
	Bankoorah	226	181	80·09	45	19·91
	Midnapore	148	113	76·35	35	23·64
	Manbhoom	113	94	83·18	19	16·81
	Beerbhoom	98	52	53·06	46	46·93
Behar	Monghyr	327	109	33·33	218	66·66
	Gya	122	58	47·54	64	52·45
	Bhagulpore	49	37	75·51	12	24·49
	Durbhunga	25	25	100·	.....	...
	Patna	15	4	26·66	11	73·33
	Shahabad	11	9	81·81	2	18·18

The largest number of registrations were effected in the 24-Pergunnahs, though they include, as usual, the smallest proportion of residents; since a large majority of the emigrants recruited in Calcutta and its suburbs are natives of other districts who leave their homes in search of employment. On the other hand, the registrations effected in Hazaribagh, Manbhoom, Bankoora, Midnapore, and the Sonthal Pergunnahs include the largest proportion of residents.

No contractors' coolies were transmitted direct through Goalundo: they were all forwarded from Calcutta.

2. Statement of sardars' emigrants registered in the several districts of Bengal and Behar, and forwarded independently of contractors during the year 1885.

Labor Districts.	Total of all Districts.			Bengal.									Behar.					Grand Total.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Burdwan.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Manbhoom.	Lohardugga.	Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Midnapore.	Total.	Gya.	Shahabad.	Monghyr.	Patna.	Total.	
Assam	88	56	144	13	7	...	...	114	...	...	2	136	...	...	8	...	8	144
Cachar	1,696	1,329	3,025	618	285	421	317	168	129	54	46	2,038	643	112	232	10	997	3,025
Sylhet	1,571	969	2,540	522	608	455	174	219	118	133	22	2,251	...	250	33		289	2,540
Total ...	3,355	2,354	5,709	1,153	900	876	491	491	247	187	70	4,415	643	368	273	10	1,294	5,709

From the above particulars it appears that the number of emigrants registered through garden sardars for transmission *viâ* Goalundo or Kooshtea was reduced to nearly half the number for the previous year. Hazaribagh, Burdwan, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, Manbhoom, and Lohardugga in Bengal, and Gya in Behar, are shewn to have furnished the largest number of recruits.

3. Summary.

	Contractors. 1884.	*Contractors.* 1885.
(1.) Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission through the Calcutta depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet	4,777	4,398
(2.) Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for direct transmission through the Goalundo depôts to the districts of Cachar, and Sylhet	2,304	.....
	Garden sardars.	
(3.) Number of emigrants and their dependents registered to proceed *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea independently of the depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet ...	10,235	5,709
Grand Total	17,316	10,107

As evidenced by the figures in this summary, the total results of emigration *vid* Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea during the year 1885 fell short of the corresponding results of the previous year by about 7,200 emigrants; and the diminution is seen to have affected the number of sardars' coolies almost as much as that of contractors' coolies.

SECTION III.

TRANSPORT.

(A).—*Routes followed.*

Year.	Accommodated in the Calcutta depôts.			ARRIVED AT GOALUNDO.									Grand total.	Embarked at Goalundo.				ARRIVED AT DHUBRI FROM CALCUTTA.	Remarks.
				Vid CALCUTTA.			INDEPENDENTLY OF CALCUTTA.												
				Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat, or on foot to Calcutta; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.			Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat, or on foot to Mugra Station; thence crossing the Hooghly to Kanchrapara; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.											Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat to Calcutta; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Damookdia; thence by steam ferry across the Ganges or Pudna to Sara; thence by Northern Bengal State Railway to Rungpore or Kaunia, and thence to Dhubri.	
							Contractors.			Sirdari.									
	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals during the current year.	Total.	Balance of previous year at Goalundo.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Total.		For Assam.	For Cachar.	For Sylhet.	Total.	
1885	190	4,249	4,439	1	3,501	3,502	4	...	4	...	250	250	254	3,756	2,543	732	458	3,733	16	No coolies were forwarded to Chittagong during the year.

From the particulars above furnished, it appears that in the course of the year 3,756 emigrants and their dependents adopted the Goalundo route for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet, of whom 3,506 had been forwarded by contractors, and 250 had accompanied garden sardars.

As before observed, only one contractor sent 16 coolies from Calcutta to Assam by the Dhubri route.

(B).—*Emigrants and their dependents forwarded through the Calcutta depôts.*

1.—Particulars prior to arrival at Calcutta.

CONTRACTORS.	TOTAL OF ALL DISTRICTS.			PARTICULARS OF MOFUSSIL DEPÔTS.										Total number despatched from all districts.	PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY TO CALCUTTA.								GRAND TOTAL OF CASUALTIES AND DETENTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO REGISTRATION, BUT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT DEPÔT.		Number arrived.
				Detained.		Discharged.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.			Detained.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Mr. R. Hendry	830	405	1,235	...	...	2	0·16	11	0·89	...	...	13	1·05	1,222	...	...	2	0·16	1	0·08	3	0·24	16	1·29	1,219
,, O. B. Andrews ...	821	210	1,031	...	...	...	...	8	0·77	...	...	8	0·77	1,024*	...	...	29	2·83	...	...	29	2·83	37	3·58	995
Babu J. N. Dutt	645	264	909	...	...	6	0·66	20	2·20	...	...	26	2·86	884*	...	...	30	4·07	...	...	30	4·07	62	6·82	848
Mr. V. Harvey	406	120	526	...	...	...	...	6	1·14	...	...	6	1·14	521*	...	...	16	3·07	...	...	16	3·07	22	4·18	505
Babu B. P. Mitter	284	97	381	...	...	4	1·04	4	1·04	...	...	8	2·09	373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2·09	373
,, A. T. Mookerjee ...	250	60	310	...	...	...	...	7	2·21	...	...	7	2·21	309	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	7	2·21	309
Total ...	3,236	1,162	4,398	...	...	12	0·27	56	1·27	...	...	68	1·54	4,333	...	...	83	1·91	1	0·02	84	1·93	152	3·45	4,249

* Including three detained in the mofussil depôts at the close of last year.

Prior to arrival at the Calcutta depôts, the aggregate number of 4,398 emigrants and dependents, who were registered during the year on behalf of the contractors here, was reduced by 152, or 3·45 per cent.—a result that, on the whole, contrasts favourably with that of the previous year, when the corresponding figures were 262, or 5·48 per cent. Desertions were more numerous, but there were fewer deaths and discharges than in 1884.

2.—Calcutta depôts.

Statement showing the number of coolies who remained in depôt at the close of the previous year, the number accommodatedin depôt during the year 1885, *and the manner in which they were disposed of by the close of that year.*

Contractors through whose depôts the coolies were transmitted.	Total number arrived in depôt.	Total number undisposed of last year.	Total number born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in the depôt.	Daily average strength of emigrants in the depôt.	Daily average sick in depôt.	Final rejections. Number. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Final rejections. Percentage. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number discharged. Number.	Percentage.	Number deserted. Number.	Percentage.	Mortality. Cholera. Number.	Percentage.	Other causes. Number.	Percentage.	Total. Number.	Percentage.	Total number forwarded to Goalundo.	Number forwarded to Dhubri.	Total number despatched.	Number remaining at the close of the year.
Mr. R. Henry ...	1,219	30	3	1,252	49·66	3·05	14	...	14	1·11	...	1·11	84	6·70	22	1·75	...	...	2	0·15	2	0·15	1,052	...	1,052	78
,, O. B. Andrews ...	995	24	2	1,021	47·67	0·17	4	...	4	0·39	...	0·39	119	11·65	53	5·19	3	0·29	1	0·09	4	0·39	824	...	824	17
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	848	65	...	913	41·69	1·85	6	1	7	0·65	0·10	0·75	121	13·25	98	10·73	1	0·10	3	0·32	4	0·43	640	...	640	37
Mr. V. Harvey ...	505	50	...	555	13·88	0·86	5	1	6	0·90	0·18	1·08	40	7·20	44	7·92	...	...	1	0·18	1	0·18	464	...	464	
Baboo B. P. Mitter .	373	21	...	394	14·31	0·45	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1·77	44	11·16	...	...	2	0·50	2	0·50	284	...	284	57
,, A. T. Mookerjee	309	...	...	309	7·22	0·66	1	...	1	0·32	...	0·32	15	4·85	13	4·20	1	0·32	...	...	1	0·32	231	16	247	32
Total ...	4,249	190	5	4,444	29·07	1·17	30	2	32	0·67	0·04	0·72	386	8·68	274	6·16	5	0·11	9	0·20	14	0·31	3,501	16	3,517	221

Sanitary condition of the depôts.

3. Dr. McConnell, the Officiating Medical Inspector, in reporting on the condition of the depôts, observes that "systematic monthly sanitary inspections of each depôt have been carried out during the year under report, in addition to the bi-weekly visits of the Superintendent of Emigration and the Medical Inspector.

Accommodation.

There has been no overcrowding at any of the depôts: indeed the accommodation provided has been considerably in excess of that required by the comparatively small number of coolies which for the last two or three years has passed through Calcutta *en route* for Assam.

Food.

The food has been frequently inspected, and attention paid to its quality and proper preparation. Very few complaints have been made on this subject by the coolies, and as a rule these have proved on investigation groundless. Both the quantity and quality have been very good all through the year.

Water-supply.

The water-supply of all the depôts continues to be procured from the municipal hydrants. It has been sufficient, of good quality, and is used both for drinking and culinary purposes. For bathing tank-water after filtration has been employed, except at Mookerjee's depôt, where there is no tank; and here hydrant water has been used for the purposes of ablution.

Hospitals.

Special attention has been paid to the depôt hospitals and dispensaries. Their efficiency has been maintained, and a sufficient supply of drugs provided. The native doctors in immediate medical charge of the depôts have, with one or two exceptions, worked intelligently and satisfactorily throughout the year.

Vaccination.

4. Vaccine operations have been directly supervised by the Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination, Metropolitan Circle, and his assistants. The vaccinator specially and solely employed for this purpose has apparently worked zealously and efficiently. A total of 4,235 operations (vaccinations and re-vaccinations) have been performed in the six depôts during the course of the year. The details and results of these will, no doubt, be included by the Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination in his annual report.

The orders of Government in this respect have been very carefully attended to."

5. The extent to which sickness and mortality prevailed in the contractors depôts during the years 1884 and 1885 is shown in the subjoined statement:—

Sickness and mortality.

Diseases.	Totals, 1885. Strength = 4,219.		Totals, 1884. Strength = 4,740.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Diarrhœa	25	2	30	11
Dysentery	30		24	
Cholera	9	5	12	11
Measles	9	.....	3	.....
Chicken-pox	.....	.....	1	.....
Small-pox	.....	.....	17	.....
Fever	124	1	112	3
Venereal affections	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chest	5	2	7	3
Other diseases	107	4	98	3
Total	309	14	304	31

In his remarks on the sickness and mortality in the Entally and Sealdah depôts during the past year, the Medical Inspector observes:—"It is thus seen that 309 cases of sickness occurred in the depôts, or 6·9 per cent. of the total admissions.

The percentage in the three preceding years was 6·3 in 1884, 5·2 in 1883, and 6·9 in 1882.

Among these 309 cases, 14 deaths took place: a mortality of 4·5 per cent. of the sickness and 3·1 per *mille* of the total admissions into the depôts. The corresponding figures for the preceding year (1884) are 10·1 per cent. of the sickness and 6·5 per *mille* of the total admissions. It is a matter, therefore, for congratulation that, although the sickness has been about the same as in 1884, *i.e.*, 309 cases as compared with 304, the mortality has been less than half of that year.

Causes of mortality.

The causes of death were as follow—

Cholera	5
Diarrhœa and dysentery	2
Pneumonia	2
Marasmus (privatio)	3
Remittent fever	1
Erysipelas	1
Total	14

The cases (3) of marasmus or privatio were infants, one of which died immediately after birth, the other two living for only a few days. All were born very weakly and ill developed.

Cholera.

The highest mortality, as in previous years, was from cholera. Of this disease 9 cases occurred in the depôts, of which 5 died—over 50 per cent. But in the previous year (1884) there were 12 cases with 11 deaths; so that in this respect also the depôts have been decidedly healthier.

Outbreak of measles.

In one depôt, that of Baboo J. N. Dutt (Sealdah), nine cases of measles occurred: one in February, five in March, one in April, and two in July. In every instance it was imported by newly-arrived coolies. As soon as discovered, the infected batches were segregated, and those actually sick removed to the Campbell Hospital for treatment. All the cases recovered; and, as the result of strict isolation, the disease was effectively prevented from spreading as an epidemic, *i.e.*, affecting the other inmates of the depôt. It was also curiously confined to this one depôt, not a single case occurring in the neighbouring ones of Baboo B. P. Mitter and Mr. V. Harvey."

6. It may be observed on comparing the following figures that the percentage of rejections (excluding that of relatives who accompanied), discharges, desertions, and deaths from all causes was in each case somewhat smaller than the corresponding results of the year 1884, but the total

rejections, if accompanying relatives be included, were more numerous in 1885 :—

	For the year			
	1884.		1885.	
Daily average strength	51·59		29·07	
,, sick in hospital	1·43		1·17	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Rejections, including relatives	46	0·09	58	1·30
,, excluding ,, ...	36	0·75	32	0·72
Discharges	444	8·73	386	8·68
Desertions	340	6·86	274	6·16
Deaths from cholera	11	0·21	5	0·11
Total deaths from other causes	20	0·39	9	0·20

7. The causes of rejection were the following :—

Very sickly	7
Insanity	6
Old age and defective eyesight	6
Epilepsy	4
Leprosy	4
Deformity of limbs	2
Syphilis, rheumatism, and gunja smoking, one each ...	3
Total ...	32

The 386 coolies who were discharged from the several depôts are thus accounted for :—

Requested their discharge before they had been a month in depôt, and were discharged accordingly	216
Accompanied their relatives	26
Claimed by relatives	27
Orphans who, in the absence of any claims by relatives, were adopted by respectable persons	4
Minors	3
Not selected by planters' agents	110
Total ...	386

Excepting the cases of those adults who preferred to remain in Calcutta, all minors and adults who had not been accepted by planters' agents were returned at the expense of the contractors concerned to the places where they had been registered.

Duration of contracts entered into by laborers embarked for tea districts.

8. The aggregate number of 3,496 coolies, embarked for the labour districts on behalf of contractors, consisted of 2,740 labourers who executed contracts and 756 dependents, who merely accompanied their relatives.

Particulars relating to the number and percentage of labourers forwarded by contractors, who entered into engagements for terms of three years and five years, respectively, during the years 1884 and 1885, are given in the following statement :—

Labour districts for which engaged.	1884.				1885.			
	Total number of labourers.	Number of labourers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.	Total number of labourers.	Number of labourers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.
		For three years.	For five years.			For three years.	For five years.	
Assam	1,906	1,684	222	11·64	1,828	1,740	88	4·81
Cachar	971	847	124	12·66	575	575	4	0·69
Sylhet	1,757	1,694	63	3·58	337	315	18	5·34
Total ...	4,634	4,225	409	8·82	2,740	2,630	110	4·01

There were no contracts for less than three years, nor for the intermediate period of four years.

Labourers as a rule prefer to engage for the shorter period of three years; and, I understand, agree to the longer term of five years, in most instances, only on receipt of a bonus, or *bukshish* of a few rupees per head. Two of the contractors ascribe the comparatively small number of labourers on five-year contracts, that were despatched by them during the year 1885, to the greater disinclination shewn by employers' agents, in the course of that year, to meet the extra charge which the payment of such bonuses necessarily involves.

Bi-weekly dispatch of emigrants.

9. Arrangements for dispatching coolies bi-weekly from the depôts to the place of embarkation were kept up throughout the year; but in consequence of the reduced demand for labour, the dispatches from every one of the depôts did not follow in quick succession.

Reduction in the number of emigrants embarked by contractors not so marked as in 1884.

10. On comparing the total number of emigrants embarked on behalf of the contractors during each of the last two years, it appears that, although there was a falling off in 1885 of about 500 coolies, it was not nearly so marked as that which occurred in 1884, when the reduction on the preceding year (1883) amounted to about 2,000 coolies—

Embarked at	Destination.	For the year 1884.	For the year 1885.
Goalundo	Assam	2,463	2,298
Goalundo	Cachar	1,049	732
Goalundo	Sylhet	499	455
Dhubri	Assam	*Nil*	16
	Total	4,011	3,496

The greatest reduction is observable in the number for Cachar.

C.—Goalundo.

1. As no contractors' coolies arrived at Goalundo direct from the recruiting districts, the entire number forwarded by them to that place during the year was despatched from the Calcutta depôts, thus :—

Where from.	Number despatched.	Deduction for casualties on the journey to Goalundo.	Arrived at Goalundo.
1. Calcutta depôts	3,501	*Nil*	3,501
2. Recruiting districts direct	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*

The following summary gives briefly the particulars of the aggregate number of contractors' coolies forwarded to Goalundo during the last two years :—

Summary.

	1884.			1885.		
	Deductions.		Number of souls.	Deductions.		Number of souls.
	Number.	Percentage.		Number.	Percentage.	
Despatched from Calcutta to Goalundo	.....	.....	4,022	.....	.....	3,501
Deduct for casualties on the journey—						
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Born on the journey to Goalundo	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Arrived at Goalundo from Calcutta	.....	.....	4,023	.....	.....	3,501
Born at Goalundo depôt	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Despatched direct from recruiting districts	.....	.....	2,304	.....	.....	.....
Deduct for casualties on the journey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detentions	10*	0·43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	24	1·04	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaths	3	0·13	37	.....	.....	.....
Born on the journey	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Arrived at Goalundo from recruiting districts	.....	.....	2,268	.....	.....	.....
Born in depôt	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Balance of previous year in Goalundo	.....	.....	63	.....	.....	5
Total number accommodated in depôt	.....	.....	6,359	.....	.....	3,506
Deduct for casualties at Goalundo—						
Desertions	46	0·72	.....	3	·08	.....
Deaths	63	0·99	.....	5	·14	.....*
Releases from engagement	4	0·06	.....	4	·11	.....
Rejections	3	0·04	116	.....	.....	12
Balance available for despatch to labour districts	.....	.....	6,243	.....	.....	3,494
Total number embarked for the labour districts	.....	.....	6,238	.....	.....	3,483
Balance in Goalundo depôt at the close of the year	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	11

* Of these 10 coolies, 7 were released and 3 forwarded to Dhubri.

2. Since neither births nor deaths occurred on the train journey to Goalundo, the 3,501 emigrants and their dependents arrived safely, and were accommodated at the depôts there, besides 5 others, who had remained over from the previous year, making a total of 3,506 contractors' coolies. But in addition to the coolies forwarded by contractors, 250 garden sardars' coolies also arrived at Goalundo during the year for despatch to Assam.

3. Taking the contractors' and sardars' coolies collectively, as they all embarked under the supervision of the Emigration Agent at Goalundo, a total of 3,756 coolies have to be accounted for, thus:—

Embarked ...	contractors'	3,483	=3,733
	sardars'	250	
			Percentage.
Deserted (contractors')	... ...	3, or 0·8	
Died (,,)	... ...	5, or 0·14	
Released (,,)	... ...	4, or 0·11	
Remaining in depôt at close of year	... ...	11	
	Total ...	3,756	

"These results," Dr. Richards observes, "compare very favourably with those of the previous year, and indeed with those of many previous years." The total percentage of casualties from all causes at this stage of labour transport was—

0·91 in the year 1883.
0·72 in ,, 1884.
0·31 in ,, 1885.

shewing a decided decrease in the casualties of the year under report. Of the deaths in the Goalundo depôts, four were due to cholera and one to dysentery.

Embarkation at Goalundo.

The total number embarked at Goalundo under the superintendence of the Emigration Agent at that place was only a little more than half the number that embarked there under the same conditions during 1884, when 6,665 coolies were despatched thence to the tea districts.

Dr. Richards remarks that "the falling off was observable principally in the Cachar and Sylhet shipments."

A preference for the garden sardar and free emigration systems of recruitment and a reduced demand for labour account, no doubt, for the results noticed.

Proportion of children.

The following figures shew that in 1885, as compared with 1884, there was an increase in the percentage of children embarked from Goalundo, and therefore a corresponding decrease in the proportion of adult labourers:—

From Goalundo.	Percentage embarked.			
	Of children.		Of infants.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
For Assam	16·29	15·49	7·33	6·29
,, Cachar	11·63	13·66	5·56	7·78
,, Sylhet	17·84	18·77	7·60	7·20
Total ...	9·18	15·53	7·12	6·07

(D).—Embarkation at Goalundo in steamers for Assam.

Class	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta contractors ...	1,019	794	1,813	.....	.....	176	156	148	480	2,293
Garden sardars ...	93	72	165	6	5	34	28	12	85	250
Total ...	1,112	866	1,978	6	5	210	184	160	565	2,543

Of the 2,543 emigrants embarked at Goalundo for Assam, 2,293 were shipped by the Calcutta contractors, and 250 accompanied certificated garden sardars.

(1) *Of the Passage to Assam in steamers.*

The following statement gives briefly the chief particulars in connection with the conveyance to Assam in licensed steamers of the 2,543 emigrants and their dependents :—

Months.	Names of vessels.	Names of medical officers.	Names of commanders.	Dates of departure.	Number of days on the passage.	Number of Labourers under conveyance.			Mortality amongst labourers during the passage.								Total percentage of deaths from all causes.	Vessels in which cholera occurred.
						Contractors'.	Garden sardars'.	Totals.	Contractors'.				Garden sardars'.					
									Cholera.		Other causes.		Cholera.		Other causes.			
									Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
1885.				1885.														
January	"Simla"	Mr. W. Waldron	Mr. W. Spracklin	11th January	20	39	14	53	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Tezpore"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C. F. Gruzelier	21st ,,	20	63	.....	63	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Dhubri"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, W. M. Reaks	25th ,,	14	39	9	48	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
February	"Dibrugarh"	,, J. Creais	,, J. Ficknee	2nd February	18	120	.....	120	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Mirzapore"	Babu K. C. Surbadhicary	,, W. Walker	9th ,,	17	146	12	158	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Scinde"	Meer Nuzafali	,, W. Lemon	14th ,,	15	48	28	76	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Sudya"	Mr. W. Waldron	,, J. W. Saker	15th ,,	10	38	.....	38	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Indore"	,, J. H. Gorman	,, J. W. Fox	20th ,,	13	62	11	73	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Labore"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, S. Haley	22nd ,,	13	55	.....	55	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Mysore"	Babu W. C. Ghose	,, W. A. Elder	28th ,,	13	43	5	48	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
March	"Dhubri"	Mr. R. Sinclair	,, W. M. Reaks	15th March	13	201	.....	201	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Agra"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, W. M. Begbie	23rd ,,	18	83	.....	83	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Loohit"	Babu K. M. Bose	Ameerally	25th ,,	7	32	.....	32	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Rajmehal"	Mr. W. Waldron	Mr. J. Steaves	29th ,,	19	29	10	39	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
April	"Dibrugarh"	Babu K. C. Surbadhicary	J. W. Faichany	11th April	19	78	33	111	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Dijoo"	Mr. G. H. Booth	S. Abdoollah	20th ,,	7	59	3	62	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Mysore"	Meer Nuzafali	Mr. W. A. Elder	26th ,,	15	75	17	92	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
May	"Sudya"	Mr. H. C. Mahony	,, J. W. Saker	3rd May	14	56	.....	56	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Sonai"	Babu G. C. Roy	Tindal	10th ,,	7	23	.....	23	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Agra"	Mr. W. Waldron	Mr. W. M. Begbie	19th ,,	17	85	.....	85	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Rajmehal"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, George Dunford	31st ,,	20	81	.....	81	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
June	"Indore"	Meer Nuzafali	,, J. W. Fox	7th June	15	51	.....	51	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Tezpore"	Mr. R. Sinclair	,, C. F. Gruzelier	16th ,,	18	63	.....	63	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Scinde"	,, J. H. Gorman	,, W. Lemon	28th ,,	14	81	.....	81	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
July	"Lahore"	Mr. H. C. Mahony	,, S. Haley	7th July	13	44	.....	44	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Dibrugarh"	*Nil*	,, J. W. Faichany	15th ,,	22	8	.....	8	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Dhubri"	,, Mr. W. Waldron	,, W. M. Reaks	19th ,,	15	28	.....	28	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Indore"	*Nil*	,, J. W. Fox	30th ,,	17	5	.....	5	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
August	"Tezpore"	*Nil*	,, C. F. Gruzelier	9th August	14	8	.....	8	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Labore"	*Nil*	,, S. Haley	30th ,,	13	16	.....	16	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
September	"Dhubri"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C. Kerver	8th September	12	36	13	49	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Simla"	*Nil*	,, W. Spracklin	29th ,,	4	17	.....	17	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
October	"Tezpore"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, C. F. Gruzelier	13th October	18	72	11	83	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
November	"Labore"	,, R. Sinclair	,, W. H. Huey	1st November	12	20	.....	20	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Dhubri"	,, H. C. Mahony	,, C. Kerver	8th ,,	17	133	37	170	...	.....	1	0·75	...	...	...	.....	0·58	
,,	"Mirzapore"	,, J. H. Gorman	,, S. Haley	15th ,,	17	48	.....	48	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Mysore"	*Nil*	,, W. A. Elder	19th ,,	10	20	.....	20	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Rajmehal"	,, R. Sinclair	,, C. F. Gruzelier	29th ,,	16	115	.....	115	...	.....	1	0·86	...	...	...	.....	0·86	
,,	"Sudya"	*Nil*	,, J. W. Saker	22nd ,,	11	.....	11	11	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
December	"Simla"	*Nil*	,, W. Spracklin	7th December	11	13	.....	13	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	
,,	"Bengal"	Babu K. C. Surbadhicary	,, G. A. Wright	26th ,,	16	60	36	96	2	3·33	...	.....	3	8·33	...	.....	5·20	Cholera.
41 Trips				Total	594	2,293	250	2,543	2	0·08	2	0·08	3	1·2	...	.....	0·27	

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Total number of trips	66	50	40	41
Ditto without cholera	62	46	31	40
Ditto souls conveyed	3,689	3,908	2,890	2,543
Percentage of total deaths	0·73	0·48	0·83	0·27
	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.
Average length of passage	16 21	17 0	15 13	15 0
Ditto number conveyed on each trip	55	78	72	62

The results of the year, as above recorded, bear favourable comparison with those of the previous year. All the trips, excepting that of the steamer *Bengal*, were accomplished without the presence of cholera; and the total percentage of mortality from all causes was only 0·27.

Mortality in certain steamers.

2. From the following statement it appears that cholera occurred on board the steamer *Bengal* during the month of December, and proved fatal in five cases. As this disease is usually most prevalent in the month of March, its appearance only in December of the year under review is an exceptional event:—

Number of trips.	Names of vessels.	Names of commanders.	Number conveyed.	Mortality on the passage.		
				Cholera.	Other causes.	Total percentage.
5	"Dhubri"	Mr. C. Kerver	496		1	0·20
4	"Tezpore"	,, W. M. Reakes	217		*Nil.*	
4	"Lahore"	,, W. H. Huey	135		Do.	
3	"Simla"	,, W. J. Spracklin	83		Do.	
3	"Dibrugarh"	,, J. Rode	239		Do.	
3	"Sudiya"	,, J. W. Saker	105		Do.	
3	"Rajmehal"	,, C. F. Gruselier	235		1	0·42
2	"Mirzapore"	,, S. Haley	206		*Nil.*	
2	"Agra"	,, C. F. Stevenson	168		Do.	
3	"Mysore"	,, W. E. Elder	160	*Nil*	*Nil.*	
3	"Indore"	,, J. W. Fox	129		Do.	
2	"Scinde"	,, J. Lemon	157		Do.	
1	"Loohit"	Serang	82		Do.	
1	"Dijoo"	Ditto	62		Do.	
1	"Sonai"	Ditto	23		Do.	
1	"Bengal"	Mr. G. A. Wright	90	5	.....	5·20
Total 41			2,543	5	2	0·27

The mortality amongst contractors' coolies, considered as affecting men women, children, and infants separately, is shown to have been confined to women and children, as there were no deaths amongst the men and infants, thus:—

	1885.			
	Cholera.		Other causes.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Men	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*
Women	1	0·12	*Nil*	*Nil*
Children	1	0·30	2	0·06
Infants	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*

3. Statement shewing the average length of passage for each of the sixteen steamers employed during the year and owned by—

The India General Steam Navigation Company.

	Number of days.
"Tezpore"	20
"Dibrugarh"	19⅔
"Rajmehal"	18½
"Agra"	17¼
"Mirzapore"	17
"Dhubri"	14½
"Lahore"	12¾
"Simla"	11⅔
"Sudyia"	11⅓

The River Steam Navigation Company.

	Number of days.
"Mysore"	16⅔
"Bengal"	16
"Indore"	15
"Scinde"	14¼
"Dijoo"	8
"Loohit"	7
"Sonai"	7

General accommodation and fittings on board licensed river steamers.

4. The remarks of inspecting officers, in the way-bills of these steamers shew that their general accommodation, fittings, ventilation, and water-supply arrangements, as provided for each trip when licensed for the conveyance of coolies, were found to be satisfactory:—

(E).— *Embarked at Goalundo in country boats for Cachar and Sylhet.*

Contractors.	Number embarked for Cachar.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	303	272	575	.....	.....	58	42	57	157	732
Goalundo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	303	272	575	.....	.....	58	42	57	157	732

Contractors.	Number embarked for Sylhet.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	151	186	337	.....	.....	47	39	32	118	455
Goalundo	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3
Total ...	151	188	339	.....	.....	47	39	33	119	458

1. Dr. Richards reports that the 1,190 emigrants embarked for Cachar and Sylhet in 70 country boats, which accomplished the journey in about 14 days ; and that there was a very marked decrease in the mortality amongst the coolies while under conveyance :—

Casualties.	1884.		1885.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Desertions	17	0·45	*Nil*	.....
Deaths ... ... { Cholera	131	3·47	11	0·92
Deaths ... ... { Other causes	2	0·05	4	0·33
Total ...	150	3·97	15	1·26

2. Thus of the total number embarked for Cachar and Sylhet under Dr. Richards' supervision, only 15, or 1·26 per cent., died during the journey as compared with 133, or 3·52 per cent., the corresponding figures for 1884. All the deaths, except four, are said to have been due to cholera. As there were three births, no desertions, and none left behind on the journey, the arrivals amounted to 1,178.

(F) —*General Summary.*

1. *Contractors' coolies.*—The general results of emigration through the agency of licensed contractors during the year 1885 are given in the subjoined summary, which shows the manner in which the total number of emigrants and their dependents were ultimately disposed of :—

Class.	Number registered.	Balance of previous year.	Detentions in mofussil of previous year.	Number born on the way to Goalundo.	Number born in the depôt.	Number picked up en route.	Total.	Total deduction on account of all causes.	Percentage.	Routes by which forwarded.	Total number landed at destination.		Balance in depôt at the close of the year.
Originally transmitted through the Calcutta depôts. Contractors ...	4,398	191	3	...	5	...	4,597	893	19·42	Goalundo	2,286	Assam ..	232
											730	Cachar ...	
											445	Sylhet ..	
										Dhubri ...	16	Assam ...	
Originally transmitted through the Goalundo depôt. Contractors .	*Nil*	4	...	...	...	...	4		25·00	Goalundo	...	Assam ...	*Nil.*
											...	Cachar ...	
											3	Sylhet ...	
Total of 1885 ..	4,398	195	3		5	..	4,601	894	19·43	.....	*3,480	.....	232
„ of 1884 ..	7,081	406	224	2	5	1	7,719	1,497	19·39	.....	6,031	.....	195

* Including five births on the voyage.

Reduction in the numbers for 1885 as against the numbers for 1884, is noticeable nearly throughout; but the percentage of total deductions due to all causes—equal to about 19 per cent.—is almost the same as that of the previous year.

It may be observed that while the death-rate of the year under review was smaller, the percentage of *total* rejections from depôt was larger than in 1884.

2.—Garden sardars' coolies.

Statement of sardari emigrants registered in Bengal for Labour Districts in the year 1885.

Names of labour districts.	Number registered in recruiting districts.	NUMBER ACCOUNTED FOR IN WAY-BILLS RECEIVED.													Number unaccounted for owing to non-receipt of way-bills.
		Aggregate number entered in way-bills.	NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON THE JOURNEY.												
			Died.						Deserted.		Left behind.		Total casualties.		Number arrived in labour districts.
			Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.								
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Cachar	3,025	2,044	105	5·13	5	0·24	110	5·38	16	0·78	74	3·62	200	9·78	1,844	981
Sylhet	2,540	1,538	72	4·68	1	0·06	73	4·74	16	1·04	6	0·39	95	6·17	1,443	1,002
Total ...	5,565	3,582	177	4·94	6	0·16	183	5·10	32	0·89	80	2·23	295	8·23	3,287	1,983

Though there is still room for improvement, the increased regularity in 1885, as compared with former years, with which garden sardars presented their way-bills on arrival at destination, has resulted in the receipt by this office of a larger number of these documents, from which the information above furnished has been collected. It may be observed that out of 5,565 coolies registered through garden sardars for Cachar and Sylhet in the course of the year, the way-bills relating to 1,983 of their number have not been received from the labour districts.

SECTION IV.

DHUBRI.

The following particulars relating to the number of coolies collected and registered for Assam through garden sardars selecting the Dhubri route have been compiled from the statements of registration furnished by registering officers of the recruiting districts :—

Labour districts for which registered, and route selected.	TOTAL OF ALL DISTRICTS.			BENGAL.									BEHAR.					GRAND TOTAL.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Manbhoom.	Lohardugga.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Bancoora.	Midnapore.	Burdwan.	Singbhoom.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Shahabad.	Durbhunga.	Total.	
Assam *vid* Dhubri	3,572	2,725	6,297	2,004	997	836	487	284	208	118	17	4,951	855	457	27	7	1,346	6,297

It may be noticed that Hazaribagh, Manbhoom, Lohardugga, and the Sonthal Pergunnahs were the principal sources of supply in Bengal; and Monghyr and Gya in Behar.

In the absence of the annual report on immigration into Assam for the year 1885, the following information in connection with the emigration into Assam, *vid* Dhubri, of *all three classes of labourers*—sardars', free, and contractors'—have been taken from the statistical statements of immigration through

that place for the year 1885, which were forwarded to this office by the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara:—

Despatched from recruiting districts			15,612
Additions on the journey to Dhubri			11
Total ...			15,623
Casualties, viz.—			
By deaths	10		
„ desertions	24		
„ detentions	21		
			55
Arrived at Dhubri			15,568
Additions at Dhubri			1
Total ...			15,569
Casualties, viz —			
By deaths	35		
„ desertions	12		
„ rejections	17		
			64
Balance ...			15,505
Embarked			15,503
Marched by land			*Nil.*
Balance at the close of the year ...			2
To the number embarked			15,503
There are additions			8
Total ...			15,511
Casualties were—			
Deaths	24		
Desertions	3		
Landed *en route* for sickness	7		
			34
Balance landed ...			15,477

The total number embarked as above shown included three classes of emigrants, viz.—

1. Garden sardars' coolies despatched under the provisions of the Act	6,167
2. Free emigrants not so registered, but who proceeded to Dhubri outside the Act	9,320
3. Contractors' coolies forwarded from Calcutta	16
Total ...	15,503

Of the 6,297 coolies shown to have been registered through garden sardars intending to travel by this route to Assam, 6,167, including 2 born on the journey, embarked at Dhubri, leaving a total loss of 132 to be accounted for. Of these it appears that 81 are due to deductions prior to departure from the recruiting districts, 42 to casualties on the journey to Dhubri, and 9 to casualties at Dhubri itself.

As already noticed, the reduction during the year in emigration by this route affected both the sardari and free systems; the number despatched for Dhubri of the former class of coolies being only 6,167, as against 13,481 in the year 1884; and of the latter only 9,320, as against 12,199 in the same year.

SECTION V.

DEPARTMENTAL.

(1).—*Calcutta.*

The Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. J. F. P. McConnell officiated as Medical Inspector of Emigrants till the 4th of April, when Dr. R. Chundra returned from leave and resumed charge of the duties. On the 26th of June, however, Dr. Chundra was compelled suddenly by ill health to take leave on medical certificate for one year, and in the emergency had to make over charge of his duties to the Superintendent of Emigration, who, pending instructions from Government, acted as Medical Inspector till the 5th of July, when Dr. McConnell relieved him of the work, and continued to officiate for the rest of the year, except when absent on one month's privilege leave—from the 16th October to the 17th November—during which interval Dr. J. B. Gibbons carried on the duties.

The Personal Assistant.

2. I have pleasure in again recording the valuable service rendered during the year by Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant.

The office and its correspondence.

3. There were no changes in the nominal roll of the office establishment; and the head clerk and assistants conducted their duties regularly and willingly throughout the year. Correspondence in connection with inland emigration was—

Of letters, &c, received	...	...	...	6,617
Of letters, &c., issued	...	...	...	2,386
		Total	...	9,003

shewing some increase in the number of communications received and despatched in 1885, as against 1884, when the total number dealt with was 8,870.

(2).—*Goalundo.*

Dr. V. Richards, the Superintendent of Emigration, Embarkation Agent, and Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Goalundo, continued in charge for the whole year, except for two months—from 8th June to 8th August—when he went on privilege leave, and Mr. C. Muller, the sub-divisional officer, performed the duties of Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent, and Assistant Surgeon Prisitosh Haldar acted as Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

SECTION VI.

APPENDIX

I. A.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam.
B.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Cachar and Sylhet.

II. A.—Return of despatches of emigrants by steamers to Assam.
B.—Return of despatches of emigrants by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

III. Return of method of recruitment of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

IV. Return of mortality among emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

V. A.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Calcutta.
B.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Goalundo.

VI. A.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Calcutta.
B.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Goalundo.

VII. Return of emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by contractors.

VIII. Return of classification according to native districts of emigrants registered to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet *viâ* Calcutta.

IX. Return of mortality among non-emigrant passengers and crew on Assam steamers.

Statement I A.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam by the Goalundo route during the year 1885.

1	2				3												4		5										6		7										8	
Months.	Number despatched.				Journey to the place of embarkation.												Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Stay at the place of embarkation.										Number embarked on board the steamers.		Voyage to destination.										Number landed at destination.	
	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.		Addition.		Casualties.												Addition.		Casualties.												Casualties.									
							A.				B.		C.		D.						A.				B.		C.		D.				A.				B.		C.		D.			
							From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.						From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total.													
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
January ...	321	264	11	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332	287	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	287	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	266	164
February ...	472	410	108	57	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	580	486	65	121	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	568	568	1	...	4	...	5	...	1	...	...	10	...	559	568
March ...	438	340	152	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	587	350	75	19	6	2	...	...	...	...	3	6	614	355	1	...	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	10	1	605	354
April ...	251	214	5	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256	267	42	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	244	265	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	242	262
May ...	234	237	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	242	257	54	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	210	245	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	210	245
June ...	136	195	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	162	195	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	209	195	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	203	195
July ...	83	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	85	37	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	119	85	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	118	85
August ...	76	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	24	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	75	25
September ...	32	53	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	66
October ...	73	92	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	279	364	17	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	254	384	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	253	381
November ...	216	316	65	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	199	121	42	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	241	109	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	241	104
December ...	138	85	61	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...																										
Total ...	2,470	2,315	435	251*	3	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	2	...	7	1	2,901	2,565	417†	178	8	4	1	1	...	3	2	3	11	11	2,890	2,543	2	2	13	5	11	2	1	5	7	...	32	12	2,860	2,533

* Sardari recruited coolies came direct for embarkation.
† Remaining from every month.

GOALUNDO,
The 24th February 1886.

V. RICHARDS,
Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

Statement I B

Return of emigrants despatched to Cachar and Sylhet by the Goalundo route during the year 1885.

1	2				3												4		5										6		7										8	
	Number despatched.				Journey to the place of embarkation.														Stay at the place of embarkation.												Voyage to destination.											
							Casualties.														Casualties.												Casualties.									
							A.				B.		C.		D.						A.		B.		C.		D.				A.		B.		C.		D.			
Months.	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.		Addition.		From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.		Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Addition.		From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total.		Number embarked on board country boat.		Addition.		From cholera.		From other disease.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.		Number landed at destination.	
	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.	1884.	1885.
January	380	110	303	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	7	...	676	110	63	5	1	...	...	...	17	...	...	1	18	1	736	111	1	...	6	...	...	...	3	...	9	...	628	111
February	310	176	519	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7	...	822	176	85	3	32	...	...	...	17	...	1	...	50	...	833	152	...	...	40	1	...	1	4	...	46	2	787	150
March	138	146	506	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	10	...	8	...	20	...	626	186	24	27	16	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	24	...	600	213	1	...	46	1	1	...	4	...	51	1	550	212
April	191	213	107	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	297	213	26	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	209	213	...	...	15	5	...	...	3	...	27	5	242	208
May	50	58	226	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	277	58	48	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	4	...	318	58	...	2	19	3	...	2	1	...	22	5	296	53
June	168	46	365	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	531	46	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	414	46	1	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	6	...	439	46
July	36	197	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	197	89	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	156	197	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	158	196
August	8	135	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	135	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	58	134	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	134
September	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	6	...	11	...	81	...
October	54	42	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	86	27
November	80	...	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	16	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	101	16
December	45	23	118	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164	23	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178	23	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	177	23
Total ...	1,552	1,186	2,304	...	4	...	3	...	...	...	24	...	10	...	37	...	3,823	1,186	389	52	55	...	...	...	46	...	5	2	106	1	3,775	1,190	3	3	131	11	2	4	17	...	27	...	177	15	3,601	1,178

Goalundo,

The 24th February 1886.

V. Richards,

Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT II A.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo by steamer to Assam during the year 1885.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7			9
MONTHS.	Names of steamers conveying emigrants.	Number of way-bills	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Date of arrival at Dhubri.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE VOYAGE TO DESTINATION. Between place of embarkation and Dhubri.	Between Dhubri and Dibrugarh.	Date of arrival at Dibrugarh.	REMARKS.
January 1885	"Simla"	1	12th January 1885	53	17th January 1885	.....	.....	1st February 1885	
,, ,,	"Tezpore"	2	21st ,, ,,	63	28th ,, ,,	.....	.....	9th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dhubri"	3	25th ,, ,,	48	28th ,, ,,	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,	
February ,,	"Dibrugarh" ...	4	2nd February ,,	120	6th February ,,	.....	.....	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mirzapore"	5	9th ,, ,,	158	14th ,, ,,	.....	.....	25th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Scinde"	6	14th ,, ,,	76	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	1st March ,,	
,, ,,	"Sudya"	7	15th ,, ,,	38	15th ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th February ,,	
,, ,,	"Indore"	8	20th ,, ,,	73	24th ,, ,,	.....	.....	4th March ,,	One native passenger died by cholera.
,, ,,	"Lahore"	9	23rd ,, ,,	55	26th ,, ,,	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mysore"	10	28th ,, ,,	48	3rd March ,,	.....	.....	12th ,, ,,	
March ,,	"Dhubri"	11	15th March ,,	201	18th ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	Ditto ditto.
,, ,,	"Agra"	12	23rd ,, ,,	83	27th ,, ,,	.....	.....	9th April ,,	
,, ,,	"Loohit"	13	25th ,, ,,	32	27th ,, ,,	.....	.....	31st March ,,	
,, ,,	"Rajmehal"	14	29th ,, ,,	30	2nd April ,,	.....	.....	16th April ,,	
April ,,	"Dibrugarh"	15	11th April ,,	111	16th ,, ,,	.....	.....	29th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dejoo"	16	20th ,, ,,	62	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mysore"	17	26th ,, ,,	92	30th ,, ,,	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,	
May ,,	"Sudya"	18	4th May ,,	56	8th May ,,	.....	.....	17th May ,,	
,, ,,	"Sonni"	19	10th ,, ,,	23	11th ,, ,,	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Agra"	20	19th ,, ,,	85	23rd ,, ,,	.....	.....	4th June ,,	
,, ,,	"Rajmehal"	21	1st June ,,	81	8th June ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
June ,,	"Indore"	22	7th ,, ,,	51	11th ,, ,,	.....	.....	21st ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Tezpore"	23	16th ,, ,,	63	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd July ,,	
,, ,,	"Scinde"	24	24th ,, ,,	81	1st July ,,	.....	.....	11th ,, ,,	
July ,,	"Lahore"	25	8th July ,,	44	12th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dibrugarh" ...	26	16th ,, ,,	8	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	5th August ,,	
,, ,,	"Dhubri"	27	19th ,, ,,	28	23rd ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Indore"	28	30th ,, ,,	5	4th August ,,	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,	
August ,,	"Tezpore"	29	9th August ,,	8	13th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Lahore"	30	30th ,, ,,	16	4th September ,,	.....	.....	23rd September ,,	
September ,,	"Dhubri"	31	18th September ,,	49	13th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Simla"	32	30th ,, ,,	17	10th October ,,	.....	.....	17th October ,,	
October ,,	"Tezpore"	33	13th October ,,	83	19th ,, ,,	.....	.....	30th ,, ,,	
November ,,	"Lahore"	34	1st November ,,	20	7th November ,,	.....	.....	12th November ,,	
,, ,,	"Dhubri"	35	8th ,, ,,	170	12th ,, ,,	.....	1	24th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mirzapore"	36	16th ,, ,,	48	20th ,, ,,	.....	.....	3rd December ,,	
,, ,,	"Mysore"	37	20th ,, ,,	20	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	8th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Sudya"	38	23rd ,, ,,	11	27th ,, ,,	.....	1	2nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Rajmehal"	39	29th ,, ,,	115	2nd December ,,	.....	.....	14th ,, ,,	
December ,,	"Simla"	40	8th December ,,	13	11th ,, ,,	.....	.....	17th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Bengal"	41	26th ,, ,,	96	29th ,, ,,	1	4	10th January 1886	

GOALUNDO.

The 24th February 1886.

V. RICHARDS,

Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

Statement II B.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet during the year 1885.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
Month.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Names of labour district to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Number of deaths on the passage to labour districts.		Date of arrival at labour districts.	
						Cachar.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Sylhet.
January 1885	2	1	Cachar ...	6th January 1885	43	.....	.....	29th January 1885	.....
,, ,,	1	2	Sylhet ...	9th ,, ,,	29	.....	.....	.....	22nd January 1885
,, ,,	2	3	Cachar ...	27th ,, ,,	39	.....	.....	17th February 1885	.....
February ,,	1	4	Cachar ...	16th February ,,	18	.....	.....	9th March ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	5	Cachar ...	16th ,, ,,	10	.....	.....	9th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	6	Sylhet ...	20th ,, ,,	30	.....	1	.....	5th March 1885
,, ,,	4	7	Sylhet ...	27th ,, ,,	62	.....	1	.....	27th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	8	Sylhet ...	27th ,, ,,	32	.....	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,
March ,,	1	9	Cachar ...	2nd March ,,	27	.....	.....	23rd March 1885	.....
,, ,,	1	10	Cachar ...	12th ,, ,,	16	.....	.....	9th April ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	11	Sylhet ...	15th ,, ,,	40	.....	.....	.....	5th April 1885
,, ,,	1	12	Sylhet ...	21st ,, ,,	21	.....	.....	.....	3rd ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	13	Cachar ...	23rd ,, ,,	17	.....	.....	18th April 1885	.....
,, ,,	4	14	Sylhet ...	26th ,, ,,	61	.....	1	.....	11th April 1885
,, ,,	2	15	Sylhet ...	28th ,, ,,	31	.....	.....	.....	7th ,, ,,
April ,,	1	16	Cachar ...	7th April ,,	28	.....	.....	5th May 1885	.....
,, ,,	2	17	Cachar ...	7th ,, ,,	43	.....	.....	30th April ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	18	Sylhet ...	7th ,, ,,	35	.....	5	.....	21st April 1885
,, ,,	1	19	Sylhet ...	10th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	.....	24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	20	Cachar ...	15th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	15th May 1885	.....
,, ,,	1	21	Cachar ...	19th ,, ,,	6	.....	.....	15th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	22	Sylhet ...	18th ,, ,,	6	.....	.....	.....	2nd May 1885
,, ,,	1	23	Sylhet ...	29th ,, ,,	18	.....	.....	.....	16th ,, ,,
,, ,,	4	24	Cachar ...	30th ,, ,,	54	.....	.....	22nd May 1885	.....
May ,,	1	25	Cachar ...	5th May ,,	19	2	.....	6th June ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	26	Sylhet ...	5th ,, ,,	13	.....	3	.....	30th May 1885
,, ,,	1	27	Sylhet ...	28th ,, ,,	7	.....	.....	.....	11th June ,,
,, ,,	1	28	Cachar ...	23rd ,, ,,	19	.....	.....	22nd June 1885	.....
June ,,	2	29	Cachar ...	17th June ,,	34	.....	.....	10th July ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	30	Cachar ...	20th ,, ,,	12	.....	.....	14th ,, ,,	.....
July ,,	2	31	Cachar ...	5th July ,,	40	.....	.....	6th August ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	32	Cachar ...	8th ,, ,,	34	.....	.....	27th July ,,	.....
,, ,,	3	33	Cachar ...	13th ,, ,,	46	.....	.....	4th August ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	34	Cachar ...	13th ,, ,,	37	.....	.....	12th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	2	35	Cachar ...	20th ,, ,,	40	2	.....	10th ,, ,,	.....
August ,,	1	36	Cachar ...	5th August ,,	20	.....	.....	30th ,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	37	Sylhet ...	3rd ,, ,,	19	.....	.....	.....	16th August 1885
,, ,,	1	38	Cachar ...	7th ,, ,,	7	.....	.....	2nd Sept. 1885	.....
,, ,,	2	39	Cachar ...	7th ,, ,,	39	.....	.....	27th August ,,	.....
,, ,,	3	40	Cachar ...	31st ,, ,,	49	.....	.....	22nd Sept. ,,	.....
September ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
October ,,	2	41	Sylhet ...	4th October ,,	26	.....	.....	.....	14th October 1885
,, ,,	.....	.....	Cachar ...	.....	1	.....	.....	27th October 1885	.....
November ,,	1	42	Sylhet ...	1st November ,,	16	.....	.....	.....	14th Nov. 1885
December ,,	1	43	Cachar ...	28th December ,,	23	.....	.....	23rd January 1886	.....

Goalundo,
The 24th February 1886.

V. Richards,
Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent

Statement No. III.

Return showing how Emigrants despatched from Goalundo were recruited.

1	2		3		4		5		6		7		
Months.	Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors at Calcutta.		Registered and contracted in their districts through sardars.		Registered in their districts on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation.		Arrived as free emigrants, but were registered on behalf of contractors and contracted at place of embarkation.		Proceeded as free emigrants independently of Emigration Act.		Total.		Remarks.
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
January 1885	276	98	19	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	295	102	
February ,, ...	387	199	42	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429	214	
March ,, ...	388	138	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... .	.....	393	143	
April ,, ...	304	123	29	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	333	147	
May ,, ...	210	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	210	85	
June ,, ...	175	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	66	
July ,, ...	191	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	191	91	
August ,, ...	125	34	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ...	125	34	
September ,, ...	41	12	8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	17	
October ,, ...	97	37	9	2	.....	.....	.....	... .	.....	.....	106	39	
November ,, ...	246	70	25	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	271	93	
December ,, ...	85	23	29	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	30	
Total ...	2,525	976	166	85	.....	.... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,091	1,061	

Goalundo,

The 24th February 1886.

V. Richards,

Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT

Return of Mortality among the Classes of Emigrants despatched from

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No. IV.

Goalundo to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year 1885.

3										4																													
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR.										NUMBER DIED AT THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.																													
Dependents.										Labourers.						Dependents.																							
																Adults.						Children.						Infants.											
Children.				Infants.																																				
Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Total.		Total number of 2 to 3 columns.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Total.	
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Labourers.	Dependents.
...	...	11	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	49	14	4,723	2,064	1	1	1	...	12	17	2	2	...	...	4	..	1	1	...	...	8	7	...	...	...	...	3	3	33	31
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	2,694	1,062	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	2

8													9																											
PLACE OF EMBARKATION.													NUMBER DIED DURING THE JOURNEY BY WATER.																											
Dependents.													Labourers.				Dependents.																							
Children.						Infants.											Adults.				Children.				Infants.															
Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Total.	Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Total.	
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Labourers.	Dependents.
248	228	75	63	243	219	102	110	36	30	84	113	4,647	2,018	9	4	11	9	32	32	...	1	...	...	4	2	2	2	...	2	9	10	3	3	3	2	3	14	97	60
210	194	62	46	47	38	81	79	31	26	17	17	2,678	1,055	4	1	...	1	4	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	13	9

12												13		
DESTINATION.														
Dependents.														
Children.						Infants.								
Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Assam.		Cachar.		Sylhet.		Total.		Total of columns 4 and 9.	Percentage of total mortality to total number arrived at place of embarkation.	REMARKS.
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Labourers.	Dependents.			
243	228	75	64	234	209	99	108	34	29	83	100	4,524	1,971	231	3·40	34 left behind—7 at Gowhatty and 27 at Kattigora.
209	183	62	46	40	38	83	78	31	25	17	17	2,600	1,050	28	0·74	

V. RICHARDS,

Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT V A.

Return showing results of examination of Emigrants at Calcutta depôts during the year 1885.

1	2						3							4												5
NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	Number medically examined on arrival.						Number passed as fit to travel.							Number rejected												
														For return to their homes.						For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.						
	1884.			1885.			1884.				1885.			1884.			1885.			1884.				1885.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	REMARKS.
Mr. R. Hendry ...	536	266	801	815	404	1,219	456	236	692	86·39	789	404	1,193	97·86	9	1	10	1·24	14	...	14	1·14	68	31	99	12·38	
,, O. B. Andrews	909	188	1,097	798	197	995	898	188	1,086	98·99	792	195	987	99·19	11	...	11	1·002	4	...	4	0·40	10	4	14	1·27	
Baboo J. N. Dutt ...	329	321	1,160	686	282	848	828	320	1,148	98·96	570	261	831	97·99	12	...	12	1·03	6	1	7	0·82	71	36	107	9·22	
Mr. V. Harvey ...	813	317	1,130	387	118	505	801	317	1,118	98·93	382	117	499	98·81	12	...	12	1·06	5	1	6	1·18	69	34	73	6·46	
Baboo B. P. Mitter	407	146	552	275	98	373	405	145	550	99·63	275	98	373	100·00	2	...	2	0·36	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	0·36	
,, A. T. Mookerjee.	...	...	...	238	71	309	...	...	...	...	237	71	308	99·67	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	0·32	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	3,501	1,239	4,740	3,099	1,180	4,249	3,388	1,206	4,594	96·92	3,045	1,146	4,191	98·63	46	1	47	0·99	30	2	32	0·75	203	92	295	6·23	

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8		9		10		11
NAMES OF DEPOT OR OTHER HOSPITAL.	Number in hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASES.										Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED				Number transferred to any authorized hospital.		Number returned to their homes from hospital.		Remaining under treatment at the close of the year.		REMARKS.
							Diarrhœa and dysentry.		Cholera.		Fever.		Measles.		Other diseases.				From cholera.		From other causes.								
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
Mr. R. Hendry	...	...	92	24	92	24	8	2	...	...	42	10	...	...	42	12	90	22	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	
,, O. B. Andrews ..	...	...	7	2	7	2	1	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	2	3	...	...	1	4	2	...	...	...	...	
Baboo J. N. Dutt	2	..	59	33	61	33	16	6	1	1	25	9	1	7	16	10	57	30	1	...	...	3	9	9	...	...	3	..	
Mr. V. Harvey	1	...	30	11	31	11	9	2	1	...	12	4	...	...	10	4	31	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Baboo B. P. Mitter ...	...	...	30	13	30	13	6	4	1	...	14	5	...	...	9	4	29	12	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	
,, A. T. Mookerjee .	..	...	4	1	4	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	3	...	222	84	225	84	40	15	7	2	95	29	1	7	81	32	213	77	5	...	1	8	17	11	...	...	5	...	
Campbell Hospital ...	...	...	17	11	17	11	...	...	7	2	...	...	1	7	9	2	13	10	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	

CALCUTTA,
The 1st May 1886.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT V B.

Return showing results of examination of Emigrants at Goalundo during the year 1885.

1	2		3		4				5
YEAR.	Number medically examined on arrival.		Number passed as fit to travel.		NUMBER REJECTED				REMARKS.
					For return to their districts.		For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.		
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
1884	4,674	2,050	4,647	2,018	5	2	46	38	Four sent back to Calcutta, one released for insanity, one minor boy disposed of as an orphan, one man imprisoned and did not return.
1885	2,690	1,061	2,678	1,055	2	2	.....	.....	One woman sent back to Calcutta for illegal recruitment, two minor boys disposed of as orphans and sent back to Calcutta, one man not accepted by planter.

GOALUNDO,
The 24th February 1886.

V. RICHARDS,
Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VI A.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals at Calcutta.

CALCUTTA,
The 1st May 1886.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

Statement VI B,

Return of Depôt and Hospitals at Goalundo.

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8				9		10
Names of Depot or other Hospital.	Number in the hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		For what diseases										Number cured and discharged.		Number died				Number transferred to				Number returned to their districts from hospital.		Remarks.
							Diarrhœa.		Cholera.		Fever.		Small-pox.		Other diseases.				From cholera.		From other disease.		Government hospital.		Other authorized hospital.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Labourers.	Dependents.	
Goalundo	...	...	7	3	7	3	...	...	5	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Goalundo,
The 24th February 1886.

V. Richards,
Superintendent of Emigration and Embarkation Agent.

Statement VII.

Statement showing the number of Emigrants recruited by Contractors embarked at Goalundo under Act I (B.C.) of 1882 *for the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year* 1885.

ASSAM.

Months.	Number of Labourers embarked.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of passage.					
	Labourers.			Dependents.									Mortality.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
January	79	45	124	.....	.....	6	4	7	141	56·96			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	224	164	388	.....	.....	46	39	39	512	73·21			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	162	119	281	.....	.....	22	19	23	345	73·45		1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April	90	78	168	.....	.....	14	17	13	212	86·66		3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May	104	89	193	.....	.....	21	18	13	245	85·57		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	66	83	149	.....	.....	17	14	15	195	125·75		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	33	37	70	.....	.....	4	6	5	85	112·12		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August	13	9	22	.....	.....	1	1	.....	24	69·23		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September	27	14	41	.....	.....	4	4	4	53	51·85		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	22	24	46	.....	.....	12	6	8	72	109·09		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	165	109	274	.....	.....	22	23	17	336	66·06		1	.....	.....	2	0·59	2	0·59
December	34	23	57	.....	.....	7	5	4	73	67·64		.....	2	2·78	.....	.....	2	2·73
Total ...	1,019	794	1,813	.....	.....	176	156	148	2,293	77·91	By steamer.	5	2	0·08	2	0·08	4	0·17

CACHAR.

January	48	22	70	.....	.....	2	3	7	82	45·83			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	14	11	25	.....	.....	.....	2	1	28	78·57			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	34	16	50	.....	.....	2	4	4	60	47·05			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April	59	53	112	.....	.....	7	8	15	142	89·83			1	0·70	.....	.....	1	0·70
May	7	24	31	.....	.....	4	2	1	38	342·85			1	2·63	2	5·26	3	7·89
June	20	20	40	.....	.....	3	1	2	46	100·00			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	61	69	130	.....	.....	29	15	25	199	114·19			.....	.....	1	0·80	1	0·80
August	49	46	95	.....	.....	10	8	9	120	85·87			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December	11	10	21	.....	.....	1	1	.....	23	90·90			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	303	272	575	.....	.....	58	42	57	732	89·76	By country boats.	Nil.	2	0·27	3	0·40	5	0·68

STATEMENT VII—*concluded.*

SYLHET.

MONTHS.	NUMBER OF LABOURERS EMBARKED.										PARTICULARS OF PASSAGE.					
	LABOURERS.			DEPENDENTS.							MORTALITY.					
											Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
January	10	12	22	.....	.....	2	2	3	29	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	33	46	79	.....	.....	19	12	11	121	139·39	1	0·82	1	0·82	2	1·65
March	55	63	118	.....	.....	14	14	7	153	114·54	1	0·65	.....	.....	1	0·65
April	23	28	51	.....	.....	9	7	4	71	121·74	4	5·63	.....	.....	4	5·63
May	7	9	16	.....	.....	.....	2	2	20	128·57	3	15·00	.....	.....	3	15·00
June	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August	8	10	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	19	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
September	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	9	10	19	.....	.....	3	2	2	26	111·11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	6	8	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	133·33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	151	186	337	.....	.....	47	39	32	455	123·17	9	1·97	1	0·21	10	2·19

Mode of transit: By country boats. Deserted: *Nil.*

ABSTRACT.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS EMBARKED.												PARTICULARS OF PASSAGE.					
	LABOURERS.			DEPENDENTS.									MORTALITY.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.	Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Assam	1,019	794	1,813	.....	.....	176	156	148	2,293	77·91	Steamer	5	2	0·08	2	0·08	4	0·17
Cachar	303	273	576	.....	.....	59	42	57	732	89·76	By country boats.	...	2	0·27	3	0·40	5	0·66
Sylhet	151	186	337	.....	.....	47	39	32	455	123·17		...	9	1·97	1	0·21	10	2·19
Total ...	1,473	1,252	2,725	.....	.....	281	237	237	3,480	84·99		5	13	0·37	6	0·17	19	0·54

CALCUTTA,

The 1st May 1886.

J. GRANT,

Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VIII.

Statement showing the classification according to native districts or districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, Orissa, North-Western Provinces, Oudh, &c., to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet viâ *Calcutta during the year* 1885.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.		Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registrations to total number registered in the district.	DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.																													
				BENGAL.																				BEHAR.										
				Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Burdwan.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribaugh.	Hooghly.	Howrah.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Manbhoom.	Midnapore.	Moorshedabad.	Nuddea.	Rajshahye.	24-Pergunnahs.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Singbhoom.	Total.	Percentage.	Bhagulpore.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Mozufferpore.	Monghyr.	Patna.	Poornea.	Shahabad.	Saran.	Total.	Percentage.
BENGAL.	24-Pergunnahs	1,080	0·74	60	74	101	3	183	20	4	5	31	42	182	10	29	1	8	106	6	865		26	8	57	4	22	6	1	8	6	138	
	Burdwan	936	12·28	131	237	115	...	70	1	...	...	17	101	3	37	...	...	...	126	2	840		7	...	27	...	41	4	1	3	...	83	
	Hazaribagh	703	93·88	...	...	...	...	660	...	...	...	8	13	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	687		...	...	14	...	2	...	...	...	...	16	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs ...	543	63·85	...	...	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	348	...	415		67	...	16	...	47	...	...	...	...	130	
	Bankoora	226	80·09	181	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	35	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	226		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Midnapore	148	76·35	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	11	133		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Manbhoom	113	83·18	14	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Beerbhoom	98	53·06	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	36	...	98		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	3,849	....·..	394	363	219	4	984	21	4	5	57	286	300	57	29	1	8	622	23	3,377	80·01	100	8	114	4	112	10	2	11	6	367	17·18
BEHAR.	Monghyr	327	33·33	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	79		8	...	116	...	109	15	...	...	...	248	
	Gya	122	47·54	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63		...	...	58	...	...	1	...	...	...	59	
	Bhagulpore	49	75·51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		37	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	113	
	Durbhunga	25	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	
	Patna	15	26·66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	11	...	...	4	...	...	...	15	
	Shahabad	11	81·81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	
	Total ...	549	.....	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	142		45	25	186	...	114	20	...	9	...	399	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	4,398	.....	394	363	219	4	1,021	21	4	5	151	286	300	57	29	1	8	633	23	3,519		145	33	300	4	226	30	2	20	6	766	

STATEMENT VIII—*concluded.*

Statement showing the classification according to native districts or districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, Orissa, North-Western Provinces, Oudh, &c., to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet via Calcutta during the year 1885.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.	DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE—*concluded.*																									
	ORISSA.				OUDH.			NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.									CENTRAL INDIA.					MISCELLANEOUS.			
	Balasore.	Cuttack.	Total.	Percentage.	Lucknow.	Total.	Percentage.	Allahabad.	Azamgarh.	Balia.	Benares.	Ghazipore.	Gorakhpore.	Jaunpore.	Mirzapore.	Total.	Percentage.	Bundlecund.	Nagpore.	Sumbulpore.	Total.	Percentage.	Madras.	Bombay.	Total.	Percentage.
BENGAL.																										
24-Pergunnahs	15	11	26		1	1		2	2	1	2	17	6	4	2	36		1	4	1	6		6	2	8	
Burdwan	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	1	4		.....	5	1	6		3	.....	3	
Hazaribagh	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Bankoora	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Midnapore	11	4	15		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Manbhoom	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Beerbhoom	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Total	26	15	41	0·93	1	1	0·02	2	2	1	2	18	8	4	3	40	1·09	1	9	2	12	0·27	9	2	11	0·25
BEHAR.																										
Monghyr	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Gya	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Bhagulpore	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	6		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Durbhunga	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Patna	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Shahabad	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
Total	...	.....	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	8		.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL	26	15	41		1	1		2	2	1	2	26	8	4	3	48		1	9	2	12		9	2	11	

CALCUTTA,
The 1st May 1886.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT IX.

Statement of mortality among the crew and passengers other than Emigrants on board the steamers to Assam during the year 1885.

INDIA GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHS.	NAMES OF VESSELS.	MORTALITY AMONG CREW AND PASSENGERS OTHER THAN EMIGRANTS.										Grand total of deaths.
		CREW.			PASSENGERS.							
					European.			Native.			Total deaths amongst passengers.	
		From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.		
February 1885	"Sudya"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1
March ,,	"Dhubri"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	1
July ,,	"Dhubri"	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Total ...	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	3

RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

It is reported that there were no deaths during the year amongst the crew and non-emigrant passengers on board the vessels of the above-named Company.

CALCUTTA,
The 1*st May* 1886.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

R D'R.—Reg. No. 1886J—275—28-5-86.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

INLAND EMIGRATION.

CALCUTTA, THE 16TH JULY 1886.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Inland Emigration for the year 1885.

The office of Superintendent of Emigration was held by Dr. Grant throughout the year, and the report is submitted by him. Dr. R. Chandra, Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Calcutta, took leave on medical certificate at the end of June, and was succeeded by Dr. McConnell. Dr. V. Richards, Superintendent of Emigration at Goalundo, was on privilege leave for two months, during which his administrative and medical duties were discharged by the Sub-divisional Officer and the Assistant Surgeon respectively. It was found necessary, for the sake of administrative convenience, and in order to ensure better control over garden sardars escorting batches of coolies, to appoint Dr. Richards registering officer, in addition to his other duties, and to vest him with magisterial powers under sections 78 and 79 of the Emigration Act.

2. In April 1885 the Government of India forwarded a copy of a circular addressed by the Chief Commissioner of Assam to all Deputy Commissioners in that province, calling attention to the objections which exist to the execution of labour contracts in terms of days. The Lieutenant-Governor agreed in the views of the Chief Commissioner that the specification of terms of days, instead of months or years, was prejudicial to the labourer, because it made it difficult for him to ascertain when his contract had terminated, and was inconsistent with the provisions of section 116 of the Act, under which a labourer is exempted from the obligation of working for more than six days in the week. The Lieutenant-Governor accordingly directed that registering and inspecting officers should in future refuse to register or verify contracts executed in terms of days.

3. During the year complaints were received from the planters of the Chittagong district of the unnecessary trouble involved in keeping up the registers prescribed by the rules under Act 1 of 1882. Taking into consideration the small number of labourers under the Act in Chittagong, the Lieutenant-Governor agreed to modify the previous orders, so far as to allow employers of labour to keep registers in any form most convenient to themselves that would enable them to furnish the required returns.

4. The only other administrative change authorised during the year was the presentation of way-bills by garden sardars to inspecting officers at certain places on the journey. The new form of way-bill was still under preparation at the close of the year.

5. Some progress was made during the year in the development of the system of "free," or assisted, emigration, conducted by the private agents of employers, independent both of licensed recruiters and of certificated garden sardars. The total number of free emigrants, so far as it is known, was less than in 1884; but the falling off was trifling in comparison with the decrease in registered emigrants. The experience of the last two years has shown the tea-planters of Assam that they can obtain labourers more rapidly and more cheaply without having recourse to the procedure provided for recruitment in the Emigration Act, and that the labourers so obtained are willing, on arrival at Dhubri, or at the labour district, to execute contracts for the maximum term of five years. Registration, too, which is subject to fees in Bengal, is effected at Dhubri free of charge. It is therefore not surprising to find that year by year the proportion of free emigrants to contractors' and sardari emigrants increases; and every year brings us nearer to the time when, owing to the improvement

of communications and the familiarity which the working classes of Bengal are rapidly acquiring with the conditions of things in the labour districts, it will be possible for this Government to withdraw altogether from the part now taken by it in regulating inland emigration. It may be mentioned in this connection that it has been finally arranged to start a subsidised steamer service from the 1st November next, which will do much to facilitate the transport of coolies to Cachar and Sylhet, and this will undoubtedly give a strong impulse to free emigration to those districts.

6. Recurring now to the operations of which the Emigration Department takes cognizance, it is natural to find, as a direct corollary to the expansion of the system of independent emigration, that the various forms of recognized recruiting agencies worked on a smaller scale during the year. Five contractors recruited against six in 1884; they employed 147 recruiters instead of 211; and the average number of coolies collected by each recruiter, which had been 33·55 in the previous year, dropped to 30 in 1885. The contraction in the operations of local agents through garden sardars was still more marked. Although the number of licenses issued to local agents increased from 33 to 39, the number of certificated sardars, who did the actual work of recruiting, fell from 3,183 to 1,743, which is the smallest number recorded since 1881; and they recruited on an average 6 8 coolies each against 7·6 in the previous year Three women held recruiting certificates during the year, but they appear to have made no use of them.

7. From the statements given on pages 6 and 16 of the report, it appears that 16,404 coolies and their dependents were registered under the Act —little more than half the number (31,286) registered in 1884. Of the total number, 4,398 were recruited by licensed recruiters on behalf of contractors, and they were all registered for transmission through the Calcutta depôts, not one going straight to the depôts at Goalundo. No explanation is offered of this circumstance, which reference to previous reports shows to be novel; but it is probably to be found in the fact that only emigrants to Cachar and Sylhet proceed direct to the Goalundo depôts, and there was a considerable falling off in Cachar and Sylhet shipments. The rest of the registered emigrants (including dependents), 12,006, were recruited by garden sardars—6,297 to proceed *viâ* Dhubri, and 5,709 *viâ* Goalundo. Dr. Grant, in comparing the numbers recruited by the two kinds of agencies respectively, excludes sardari emigrants proceeding direct *viâ* Dhubri, perhaps because this route has been practically abandoned by contractors, only 16 coolies recruited by them being sent this way during 1885. The figures given by him for the last five years are as follow:—

Year.	Contractors' coolies.	Sardars' coolies.	Total.	Percentage of sardars' to contractors' coolies.
1881	6,415	2,379	8,794	37·0
1882	7,995	2,907	10,902	36-3
1883	9,875	5,291	15,167	53·5*
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	144·5*
1885	4,398	5,709	10,107	129·8*

Including coolies taken by garden sardars *viâ* Dhubri, it would appear that for every 100 emigrants recruited by contractors there were in 1883 122, in 1884 341, and in 1885 270 emigrants recruited by garden sardars. The slight decrease in the proportion of sardari to contractors' coolies during the past year can be explained without difficulty. From the reports furnished to the Government of Assam by the Commissioner of the Assam Valley, it appears that the figures of 1884 were altogether abnormal, and have never been satisfactorily accounted for. The remarkable expansion in the demand for labour during that year has been followed by a contraction in the demand for 1885; and as recruitment through the permanent agency of licensed contractors can always supply casual requirements, the operations of sardars despatched from the labour districts were reduced in greater proportion than those of recruiters working under the regular contractors. This does not in any way affect the conclusion that Act I of 1882 has given a great and permanent stimulus to recruitment by garden sardars in perference to licensed contractors.

* These are not the percentages given in the report, which do not appear to be correct.

8. The statistics of free emigration are necessarily incomplete, but, so far as the figures supplied by the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara go, it appears that 9,113 free emigrants and their dependents entered into local contracts at Dhubri, and 207 proceeded on their journey without contracting—a total of 9,320 against 12,199 in the previous year. In 1884, 13,970 registered emigrants passed through Dhubri, in the ratio of 114 to every 100 free emigrants; but in 1885, for every 100 free emigrants, there were only 66 registered in Bengal under the Act.

9. Although the number of licensed recruitors decreased during the year under report, there were more cases of misconduct among them. In 1884 only one license was cancelled, in 1885 the number cancelled was six. The most serious cases were two of false description, and two of enticing away married women. One unlicensed man, an old offender, was convicted of offences under sections 363 and 498, Indian Penal Code (kidnapping and enticing away a married woman), and sentenced to one year's imprisonment. No cases of misconduct were reported among garden sardars.

10. Very little information is afforded by the report as to the original districts of residence of the registered emigrants. In the case of contractors' coolies a distinction is made between residents and non-residents in the districts of registration, but it does not apppear from what districts the non-residents had come. The following statement, however, is not without interest:—

Province.	Districts of registration.	Number of emigrants registered in each district.	Number of residents of district of registration included in number registered.	Percentage of residents (column 4) to number registered (column 3).	Number of emigrants of other districts included in number registered.	Percentage of emigrants of other districts (column 6) to number registered (column 3).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bengal...	24-Pergunnahs	1,080	8	0·74	1,072	99·26
	Burdwan	936	115	12·29	821	87·71
	Hazaribagh	703	660	93·88	43	6·12
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	545	348	63·85	197	36·15
	Bankoora	226	181	80·09	45	19·91
	Midnapore	148	113	76·35	35	23·65
	Manbhoom	113	94	83·19	19	16·81
	Beerbhoom	98	52	53 06	46	46 94
Behar ...	Monghyr	327	109	33·34	218	66·66
	Gya	122	58	47·54	64	52·46
	Bhagulpore	49	37	75·51	12	24·49
	Durbhunga	25	25	100·	.....	... ..
	Patna	15	4	26·66	11	73·34
	Shahabad	11	9	81·81	2	18·19

No particulars of residence are furnished for the persons engaged by sardars, but their principal recruiting fields appear to have been as usual Chota Nagpore, the Sonthal Pergunnahs and South Behar; and they collected a good many emigrants (probably non-residents for the most part) in Burdwan.

11. Coolies recruited by garden sardars for despatch to Assam *viâ* Dhubri, and to Cachar and Sylhet *viâ* Goalundo, travel independently of the depôts; so under the head of "Transport" the Superintendent of Emigration has materials for reporting on only a small proportion of the total number of emigrants, viz. those recruited by contractors, and such sardari emigrants as pass through the Goalundo depôts *en route* to Assam. Of these last, 250 arrived at Goalundo during the year, and were all embarked for Assam without casualty. Of the 4,398 persons registered by licensed recruiters, 12 were discharged and 56 deserted from the mofussil depôts, and, the number being increased by three detained in the mofussil depôts at the close of the previous year, 4,333 were despatched to Calcutta, none proceeding direct to Goalundo. On the way 83 more deserted and one died, so the number ultimately arriving in Calcutta was 4,249. Between registration in the districts and arrival in Calcutta, the reduction in numbers was 152 or 3·45 per cent. against 262 or 5·48 per cent. in 1884. Desertions increased, but there were fewer discharges.

The history of the Calcutta depôts during the year is thus summarised by the Superintendent:—

Total number arrived in depôt.	Total number undisposed of last year.	Total number born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in the depôt.	Daily average strength of emigrants in the depôt.	Daily average sick in depôt.	Final rejections.						Number discharged.		Number deserted.		Mortality.						Total number forwarded to Goalundo.	Number forwarded to Dhubri.	Total number despatched.	Number remaining at the close of the year.
						Number.			Percentage.							Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.					
						Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.				
4,249	190	5	4,444	29·07	1·17	30	2	32	0·67	0·04	0·72	386	8·68	274	6·16	5	0·11	9	0·20	14	0·31	3,501	16	3,517	221

And the following table compares the details of the diminution in number during stay at the depôts with the corresponding particulars for 1884:—

	For the year.			
	1884.		1885.	
Daily average strength	51·59		29·07	
Ditto sick in hospital	1·43		1·17	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Rejections, including relatives	46	0 99	58	1·30
„ excluding „	36	0·75	32	0·72
Discharges	441	8·73	386	8·68
Desertions	349	6·86	274	6·16
Deaths from cholera	11	0·21	5	0·11
Total deaths from other causes	20	0·39	9	0·20

The proportion of discharges was almost exactly the same in both years, and although the percentage of desertions from the Calcutta depôts was slightly reduced in 1885, it must be remembered that desertions from the mofussil depôts and on the journey to Calcutta increased. The only noteworthy figures are those showing the mortality at the depôts. The total number of deaths fell from 31 to 14, and the percentage on total strength from ·60 to ·31. There were 309 cases of sickness against 304 in 1884, but the diseases treated were not so fatal. This is especially noticeable in the cases of cholera and diarrhœa and dysentery. Of 54 cases of diarrhœa and dysentery in 1884, 11 terminated fatally, while in 1885 there were only two deaths in 55 cases. There were nine cases of cholera in 1885, with five deaths; in the preceding year of 12 cases, 11 resulted in death.

There were nine cases of measles, spread over four different months, and all occurring in the same depôt. In every case strict isolation was enforced, and the disease was effectively prevented from spreading. The sanitary condition of the depôts appears to have been good throughout the year. There was no overcrowding; and indeed the depôts, originally constructed to meet the requirements of a much larger number of emigrants than is now recruited by the contractors for Assam, afford far more accommodation than is necessary. Good food and good water have been supplied, and the depôt hospitals have been maintained in an efficient state. A special vaccinator was employed in the depôts, and he performed 4,235 operations.

12. Of the 3,517 contractors' coolies despatched from Calcutta, 3,501 went to Goalundo and 16 to Dhubri. It is known from the Assam reports that all those who started for Dhubri arrived there, but their further history is not traceable. The Goalundo depôts received 3,751 emigrants during the year, viz. the 3,501 despatched from Calcutta, and 250 sardari emigrants direct from the recruiting districts. There was a balance of five from the previous year;

so the total number to be accounted for was 3,756. Of these 11 remained in the depôt at the close of the year, and there were 12 casualties, as follow :—

Deserted	3
Died	5
Released	4
	12

The percentage of casualties was only ·31 against ·72 and ·91 in the two preceding years, and they were all among contractors' coolies. The decrease was most noticeable in the mortality, only five deaths (four of cholera) being reported against 64 (63 cholera) in 1884.

13. The total number of contractors' coolies finally embarked was 3,499; 3,483 at Goalundo and 16 at Dhubri. Of these, 2,740 were labourers who executed contracts and the rest dependents. Of the labourers, 2,630 contracted for three years, and only 110 for five years. The five-year contracts amounted, therefore, to only 4·01 of the whole number. The percentage in 1884 was 8·82. On this Dr. Grant remarks :—

"Labourers as a rule prefer to engage for the shorter period of three years; and, I understand, agree to the longer term of five years, in most instances, only on receipt of a bonus or *bukshish* of a few rupees per head. Two of the contractors ascribe the comparatively small number of labourers on five-year contracts, that were despatched by them during the year 1885, to the greater disinclination shown by employers' agents, in the course of that year, to meet the extra charge which the payment of such bonuses necessarily involves."

These observations apply only to contracts executed by labourers collected by licensed recruiters. No figures have been supplied by the Superintendent as to emigrants recruited by garden sardars, although his attention was drawn to the subject in last year's Resolution. The following statement as to the period for which sardari and free emigrants *vid* Dhubri executed contracts are taken from the Assam Report:—

1884.				1885.			
Total 15,777.				Total 9,861.			
Three years.	Percentage of total.	Five years.	Percentage of total.	Three years.	Percentage of total.	Five years.	Percentage of total.
6,843	43·	8 934	57·	2,896	29·	6,965	71·

In 1884 and 1885 the percentages of five-year contracts among emigrants enlisted by garden sardars and contracting in Bengal were 36 and 34 respectively, while of local contracts (*i.e.* contracts executed by free emigrants at Dhubri) 90 per cent. were for five years in 1885 against 76 per cent. in the previous year. The Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara writes:—"The great increase in the number of five-year contracts is due to the fact that planters have instructed their agents not to take coolies on any other terms;" and the Commissioner of the Assam Valley Districts expresses a doubt whether any option is practically given to coolies called upon to execute local contracts at Dhubri. The question whether Dhubri, a station on the journey to the Assam Valley, should continue to be treated as a labour district where local labour contracts under section 111 of the Act can properly be executed, was fully discussed in the report submitted by this Government to the Government of India last December on the working of Act I of 1882, and the Lieutenant-Governor can only repeat that the subject is one on which the Administration of Assam is in the best position to form an opinion. No complaints or allegations that the contracts are unwillingly made at Dhubri have been brought to the notice of the Government of Bengal.

14. The total number of labourers that embarked at Goalundo under the superintendence of the Embarkation Agent therefore was 3,733. This

number is exclusive of sardari emigrants to Cachar and Sylhet, and of free emigrants who did not pass through the depôts, and would therefore only come under the Agent's superintendence when more than 20 embarked together for the labour districts in one country boat. Two thousand five hundred and forty-three embarked in steamers for Assam—2,293 contractors' and 250 sardari coolies. Both in respect of mortality and the time occupied in the passage, the statistics of the trips made by these steamers compare favourably with the figures for the previous three years, as the following statement shows:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.
Total number of trips	66	50	40	41
Ditto without cholera ...	62	46	31	40
Ditto souls conveyed ...	3,689	3,908	2,890	2,543
Percentage of total deaths	0·73	0·48	0·83	0·27
	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.	Days. Hrs.
Average length of passage ...	16 21	17 0	15 18	15 0
Ditto number conveyed on each trip	55	78	72	62

Cholera was present on only one voyage, that of the *Bengal* in December, when five deaths from the disease occurred. The rest of the emigrants, 1,190 in number, embarked for Cachar and Sylhet in 70 country boats, which, as a rule, accomplished the journey in about 14 days. The decrease in casualties was most remarkable, owing probably to less overcrowding among the smaller number of passengers. In 1884 there were 133 deaths on the voyage, 131 of which were from cholera, and the percentage of mortality was 3·52. In 1885 there were only 15 deaths (11 from cholera), and the percentage was reduced to 1·26. No desertions took place against 17 in 1884.

15. Dr. Grant reports a considerable improvement in the regularity with which garden sardars presented their way-bills during the year, and in the case of the Cachar and Sylhet emigrants he has attempted, for the first time, some account of the number of casualities as in the following statement:—

Statement of sardari emigrants registered in Bengal for Labour Districts, of Cachar and Sylhet alone, in the year 1885.

Names of labour districts.	Number registered in recruiting districts.	NUMBER ACCOUNTED FOR IN WAY-BILLS RECEIVED.													Number unaccounted for owing to non-receipt of way-bills.
		Aggregate number entered in way-bills.	NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON THE JOURNEY.												Number arrived in labour districts.
			Died.						Deserted.		Left behind.		Total casualties.		
			Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.								
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Cachar	3,025	2,044	105	5·13	5	0·24	110	5·38	16	0·78	74	3·62	200	9·78	1,844	981
Sylhet	2,540	1,538	72	4·68	1	0·06	73	4·74	16	1·04	6	0·39	95	6·17	1,413	1,002
Total ...	5,565	3,582	177	4·94	6	0·16	183	5·10	32	0·89	80	2·23	295	8·23	3,287	1,983

It may be observed that of the 1,983 not accounted for, it is very probable that many, although recruited in 1885, did not actually start on their journey until 1886. The most noticeable point in this statement is that, while the total casualties were only 8·23 per cent. of the aggregate number in the way-bills, against a percentage of 19·43 in the case of contractors' emigrants, the proportion of deaths was much higher. Of sardari emigrants, 5·10 per cent. died on the journey (4·94 from cholera), while among contractors' emigrants the percentage of deaths was only ·92, of which cholera accounted for ·56. It is believed that the subsidised steamer service to Cachar and Sylhet, which will be opened at the beginning of next November, will do much to facilitate emigration to Cachar and Sylhet and to reduce the mortality. As regards emigrants to Assam *viâ* Dhubri, some improvement has already been effected by the provision of medical aid at Mugra on the East Indian Railway and at

Jaipur Hât on the Northern Bengal State Railway, and the percentage of deaths among labourers taking this route has fallen from ·28 in 1884 to ·06 in 1885. Considering the number of labourers who use this line, it should be possible to arrange to forward them at certain seasons by special trains, timed so as to afford sufficient opportunities at particular stations for necessary rest and refreshment.

16. The thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor are due to Dr. Grant for his efficient administration of the Department during the year.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

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Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

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CALCUTTA;
The 16th July 1886.

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